

PRINCIPAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

MONTH: September 2008

ACADEMICS

All of our teachers have worked hard to get our students off to a great start. The guidance department with input from the departments has made every effort to have students properly placed in classes and to do everything possible to respond to students' special circumstances. Our first report cards are due out on November 6th.

2007-2008

- We had 2 COMMENDED students in the National Merit Scholarship competition: Kaitlyn Rossman and Veronica Smith.

- SAT Test Results 105 out of 137 students took the test.

	FAIRVIEW	STATE	NATIONAL
% of students taking the test...	74%	75%	48%
Verbal	520	494	502
Math	538	501	515
<i>Writing</i>	502	483	494
Totals [verbal & math]	1560	1478	1511

- ACT Test Results 37 out of 137 students took the test.

Fairview: 23.0 National Average: 21.1

- Working with CSIU, the company whose software we are using, to make certain we have no problems with our transcripts or report cards. The first report cards for the year will not have class rank indicated for ANY class – we only do this at mid-year, when we will only publish a class rank for grades 10-12.

ARTS

- Our school play is being finalized. It is being written and directed by a student and will be performed in the winter (a little later in the year than usual).
- Nominations have been submitted for District Chorus and we are anxiously awaiting the results. We have many fine and distinctive voices that need to be heard!
- The high school art department has an updated Photography computer lab with 30 new computers and flat screen monitors. Photoshop C53 Suite is being installed on the computers; it includes Illustrator, Design and Acrobat Reader. The lab also has a new color printer and scanner. Mrs. Daley is confident that the new upgrades will enhance the photography class work.

ATHLETICS

- Football has started with a young team and three victories. Peter Jackson was named Lions Club Player of the Week for his performance in our opening win over Bradford.
- Girls' Soccer is 4-1 despite losing a tough one to Villa Maria in the opener in overtime. Boys' soccer has a record of 3-2. We do have a strong team despite losing some close games.
- Gilherme Carreira is an exchange student from Brazil and wants to help us on the soccer team.
- Our Cross Country team has done very well. Sam Havko has taken first place honors in three invitational meets (he is also one of our leading soccer players). The boys' team is ranked 5th in the state. The girls have also done very well, posting a 4-1 record to date.

- The girls' tennis team is unbeaten at 5-0.
- The girls' volleyball team is also off to a good start with a 4-2 record.
- The boys' golf team is tied for first place in the region with a 6-0 record.
- Our club team for girls' water polo is improving. They scored eight goals in the Tiger Classic. The girls' schedule features some of the toughest teams in the state.

- National Team Rankings. The ranking is based on our girls' personal best times throughout the 2007-2008 season. Our girls team placed very high - **2nd in the Nation in class 5 Girls public 1- 900!!!!** This is the best one of our teams has ever placed. We are VERY proud of the swimming tigers!

- All of our athletes are doing an outstanding job keeping up on their schoolwork despite the long hours they must dedicate to their sports.

ATTENDANCE

As of 9-16-08, the absence and tardy percentages are as follows:

Total number of students:

Absences - average of 20 per day or 3%

Tardies - average of 15.5 per day or 2.5%

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance and custodial did a good job getting the building clean and ready for the fall opening of school. Our administrative offices were expanded to allow for a small meeting room in each and were given a 'facelift'. Many positive comments have been offered by staff and visitors. This project was completed by our own maintenance workers to try to make the changes as inexpensively as possible.

- The 100-year student records that are currently stored at FHS will be transferred to the CAB this winter in order to create room for a guidance meeting-scheduling room and additional storage for other materials.

DISCIPLINE

- Many dress code reminders during the warmer weather. Students are largely complying. Students have been well-behaved. The main problem is too short shorts or skirts and low-cut tops on girls, and boys with low hanging pants.

- Parking Permits are being checked several times a week to make certain that everyone is complying with this rule. Most students cooperate willingly with this requirement – we do have the occasional rebel too.

- The rules concerning cell phones have been posted around the school. Several have been turned in to the office and kept over night so far.

- Three office detentions have been assigned for minor infractions.

- Several students have been sent to the Refocus Room for disciplinary reasons. (See report)

GUIDANCE

- The school is working on being enrolled in the 'digital world' by now having the capacity to solicit college applications and support documents online. This is a more efficient process for everyone.

- Each counselor can now schedule in their individual offices which allows for more immediate response to problems (the software allows the counselor to try different possibilities for a student while they wait) and spreads the labor involved in scheduling. This used to only be done by the secretary from written notes given her by the counselors.

- We are moving the scheduling process up even farther – orientation for 8th grade parents will be held on February 10, for example. Our target is for students to have their final version of their schedule again a month before they leave school.

MISCELLANEOUS

High school student representative on the Rec Authority board is Kelsey Ingram.

OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR

Dance was held on 9/12/08 Sponsored by Key Club and PATS – Attendance was relatively low (150), But those that attended enjoyed themselves.

Homecoming events for the week of 9/29/08 are being planned. This will include the fair, parade, game, and dance.

Key Club Activities for the month of September:

- Volunteers for the Fairview Foundation Bocce Tournament
- Cookies for the Emmaus Soup Kitchen
- Juvenile Diabetes Walk for a Cure - 68 students signed up to walk
- Homecoming Fair
- Homecoming Parade
- Walk for Animals - Because You Care Organization
- Student Guides for Open House
- We had a dance with the PATS organization. The students did all the publicity as well as worked the door and brought cookies.

PARENTS GROUPS

Music Boosters

The Fairview Music Boosters are off and running with the 2008/2009 marching band season. Board Members: Dan Dewey is president, Peter Iannacchione-vice president, Ed & Leora Schneider-Treasurers and Stephanie Fedei-secretary. The boosters will aid band director Chad Mummert and his assistant Carrie Mummert with fundraising, half-time shows, competitions, clean & hem uniforms and provide snacks among other tasks. Two new assistants have been added to the marching band staff. Heather Miller and Jesse Glenn, both past Fairview graduates will lead the color guard and percussion sections respectively.

This year's show is titled "*Let's Play*" with various theme songs from video games. The students had a contest to design a T-shirt that showcases the theme and also list all of the competition locations and dates. These shirts are worn by all members at all events.

The band members just completed one of their more successful fundraisers by selling mums.

Athletic Boosters

- The Boosters report that they have many new members on their extended Board. Their first project of the year was to provide summer lunches to the football team at WLD Ranch and to the Volleyball team at the High School. They would like to thank the School District for the use of their facilities in preparing these meals.

- The new concession stand is up and running. They are proud of the fact that they have been open for just about every home game at the stadium including varsity football, JV football, 7th & 8th grade football, girls soccer and boys soccer. They also staff a concession stand at the volleyball games and tennis matches. This takes an enormous amount of manpower and the Fairview School community of parents really steps up to the task.

- The Boosters have also produced a beautiful fall sports program. there were printing errors with it that they are dealing with.

- They are also in the middle of our membership fundraising drive and we will continue to sell Fairview merchandise throughout the year and have a committee that sells 50/50's at the football games.

PATS

PATS supports many academic ventures in the building. PATS meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month at 9 AM in the conference room across from the guidance offices.

PATS is making a concentrated effort to provide safe, fun environments during after school hours for our high school students this year. Last week a PATS and Key Club joined together to offer a school dance/mixer with an admission fee of only \$3.00. All who came had a good time and there were no disturbances. PATS encourages students to attend these functions which are chaperoned and a good place for them to hang out with friends. There must be sufficient interest and attendance, however, in order to offset the costs. Other events are being planned and will be announced in the future.

PROGRAMS

- HALT Anti-bullying – Assembly for entire school held on 9/8/08 was very successful. Discussion sessions held for 20 minutes each Tuesday – started on 9/9/08. Participation has been good. Everyone appears

to be cooperating with these sessions. The Regional Director is scheduled to visit the high school every Tuesday through December.

- **MENTORING PROGRAM** for 9th graders:

Forty-six mentors were trained on July 28th by Ted Wiese from Indianapolis.

Kick Off Day for freshmen took place on Monday, August 25th from 8:30 - 2:30.

All but four freshmen attended the Kick Off Day. All freshmen were given a tee shirt, water bottle, dry-erase board, pencil, and a candy bar, and a free lunch. All freshmen will have informal contacts with their mentor three times a month. We had our first formal contact with all the freshmen during tutorial on Friday, Sept. 12th. Mentors met with their freshmen and discussed how their first few weeks of school has gone, and answered any questions. The freshmen also did a crossword puzzle.

Statistics from last year's program validate the impact the program has had on the 9th graders. Those statistics are as follows: The freshmen had the lowest number of referrals for discipline, and they also had the highest number of students with perfect attendance.

RECYCLING

60 students have expressed enthusiastic interest in participating on the Recycling Club with Mrs. Strandwitz as our volunteer advisor. They are doing many things in the building and district, and Mrs. Strandwitz is coordinating these efforts with the Township and Mr. Muye. The club is planning a field trip to the Single Stream Recycling Center in Cleveland where they can witness the amazing process to separate all of the recyclables. They also have the goal of educating everyone in the building about the importance of recycling through an assembly, posters, and daily 'lobbying'.

REFOCUS ROOM

The beginning of the 2008/2009 school year in the Refocus Room has been a successful one in multiple ways. First there are a number of the students from last year that came on a regular basis for discipline reasons, but stop by this year for Emotional Support and just wanting to talk. Second, we have continued to assist the school in many ways academically, ranging from a place to take a class as an independent study to coming to the After-School Academic Support Program(ASASP). Here is a listing of the total number of students that came and for what reason they were here:

Gross Disrespect	Disruptive Behavior	Inappropriate Language	Emotional Support	Academic Support	ASASP	Other
16	4	2	23	38	7	6

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ms. Cottengim is in the process of providing 'push in'/ itinerant services to students with special needs. She is making some changes as necessary from the previous pattern of the teacher's being assigned to three separate classrooms, each for an entire period. She feels her expertise is better utilized by being available to all of her 41 students by connecting/observing each of them more often during the week. She is working out a schedule with regular education teachers to facilitate this goal.

Theresa Bowser and Kara Obuszewski will share their students back and forth to their respective Resource Rooms depending on whether they need help with math or language skills, rather than keeping the students with only one teacher. These changes are also designed to more efficiently and appropriately use our teachers' time and talents.

A continued effort is in place to have our regular education teachers use rubrics, adaptations, and accommodations to appropriately challenge the special needs students and not overwhelm them or have them give up.

STAFFING

- New staff are being mentored and supported by administration and other faculty members and support staff. Everyone is making an immediate and enthusiastic contribution. Those teachers are Rebecca Turner – Science, Ashley Cottengim and Kara Obuszewski - Learning Support, and Jim Brinling – Social Studies.
- The principal will produce a new teachers' manual this year. Protocols for many things are being formulated, such as: scheduling, guidance department operations, how to run clubs, supervisory expectations, etc.

TECHNOLOGY

- CFF rooms are up and running already. We have one less lab of desktops due to creating another learning support resource room. The existence of CFF laptop rooms helps us to be able to do this. Our coach, Pam Stevens, is a major asset for our faculty, giving advice and training for the creative implementation of technology to facilitate and enhance instruction.

Promethean boards: 8 now, 6 coming, 1 to be installed in the library (15 total)

CFF Projectors: 5 now, 1 coming; (6 CFF total)

FSD Projectors - Number unknown at time of report, but we install some of these each year.

- CFF Latops: 169 now, 73 coming (242 total)

Note: Dependence on the projectors and their large image that is more effective for classroom instruction is making traditional televisions nearly obsolete for FHS.